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County looks to nurse practitioners to meet care needs

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Incentives offered to lure medical professionals to Haliburton County are quite generous compared to what's offered by other centres.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, asked for council's thoughts in June as to whether or not the county should offer physicians a monetary signing bonus.

There's serious competition for doctors and it was thought that such an incentive might be a good idea.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, told council when it met July 24 that officials looked into incentives offered by other municipalities and regions to attract doctors.

She said staff research didn't turn up any municipality that offers a signing bonus to prospective doctors.

"We did not discover any communities that are paying an additional financial amount that's released at the time of signing a return of service agreement," Welch said. "So nothing that's over and above their annual or bulk payment."

She recommended that the county refrain

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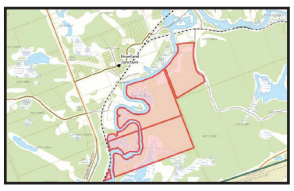
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Minden Hills Reeve Brett Devolin after becoming warden in 2017. /FILE

Brent Devolin is pictured with his granddaughter, AJ. /Submitted

Remembering Brent

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Tines Staff

Everybody knew his name.

A politician, a friend, an ally, a son, a brother, a husband, a parent, a grandfather.

Brent Devolin was a man who wore many hats, and with each one, made his mark in the community. A community where everybody knew his name.

That's why, when news spread that Brent had died after a brief battle with a terminal brain disease, the community stood still. "He was truly a Jack of all trades," his daughter, Lauren Devolin, reflected on her dad. "And he was just that guy you could always call. For anyone, he was that guy."

The Devolin family shared that Brent came down with a sudden illness, which progressed quickly into a coma, and he never woke up. After five weeks of uncertainty, Brent passed away on July 22, 2024. He was 63 years old. "It's a horrible tragedy," said Brent's brother, Barry Devolin, when he spoke with the *Times*. "We don't know how it started, and we never will. While that's frustrating, we do know that there is nothing we could have done differently to have a different outcome."

Many would know Brent from when he served on the Minden Hills municipal council, where he was first elected as Reeve in 2014, and served as Mayor until 2022. He was the Warden of Haliburton County in 2017.

"My dad always said he would stay in politics until he felt he had finished the little projects he had started to make our community better," said Lauren. "As soon as he was able to check those boxes, he was ready to step aside."

Some of Brent's work during his time in council included the renovations of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the Fire Hall, and additional housing initiatives throughout the community. Brent was heavily involved in EORN, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, with the mandate to improve broadband access across the county. He was passionate about community organizations such as Minden Pride and the Snowmobile Association, and was a strong advocate for local businesses and arts, frequently supporting events held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Community Centre.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell worked alongside Brent for eight years on Minden Hills Council. "I remember in the fall of 2013, going into Ridgewood Ford to talk to him about the possibility of him running for Reeve in the 2014 election," she recalled. "We were in turmoil at the township at the time, and I felt he would be a good choice for Minden Hills, and I was right."

Schell reflected on the loyalty and commitment Brent had for his constituents; serving on a variety of boards, committees, and volunteer organizations. "Although far too short, Brent leaves behind a legacy of a life well lived," she said, "loving and caring for his family, friends, and community. He was an all-around good human being."

"Brent was so proud when he became Reeve," said Barry. "He was so proud to be falling in his father-in-law's footsteps, and he really did always put Minden first. He loved Minden."

The Devolin family moved from Peterborough to Haliburton when Brent and Barry were young boys. Their father, Doug Devolin, became the principal for J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School for many years, and the family settled into the community. After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Brent married his high school sweetheart, Laurie. The two were married for 38 years, and raised a loving family together.

"He asked me out on the last day of school before the summer break," chuckled Laurie, "so I thought, 'okay, I guess we will kind of date through the summer, let's see where this goes.' And six years later, we were married."

"We were so compatible," she said. "I remember when we started dating, I just thought it was so fabulous to have someone to do all these fun experiences with." Laurie shared that Brent "lived for all kinds of fun activities," including camping, snowmobiling, skiing, and motorcycling.

She said he never shied away from trying new things, and was always open to novel experiences; traveling, exploring, and learning in different places. "And of course, we always dragged the kids to these things," laughed Laurie, referencing their three children; Kurran, Lauren, and Spencer. "And now, they have an appreciation of all these things as well."

Many who knew Brent would share that his family always came first. "He was very involved with his kids and his grandkids," said Barry, after a moment of quiet reflection. "Yes, he absolutely adored his grandchildren."

Lauren said that she would often reach out to her dad whenever she needed a hand, and he would always pick up the phone. She shared that there were times all through her life; as a child, through her early twenties - during good times and bad - if she ever needed someone, she would always call her dad. "He was just the best dad," she said. "He taught me so many things; how to drive stick, how to change a tire, how to ski and snowboard. I just feel sad for all the things we are going to miss."

Traditions were an important part of the Devolin family, and Lauren recalled how her grandfather would always take her out for a birthday lunch each year; a tradition they had started with Brent and her own children, who are now ages three and one. "He always made the time," she said. "He would do whatever we needed at the drop of a hat."

"He was really in a sweet spot in life," said Barry, noting that since his retirement from local government, Brent had been dabbling in contracting. "Brent filled in all the gaps," he chuckled. "He was happy doing that; being a Jack of all trades. That's what's so sad about this. He was really enjoying this time in his life."

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Where everybody knew his name

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"He really did just love life," said Laurie. "He genuinely loved people, and he truly cared about people. When there was something or someone he believed in, he would fight for that. Tooth and nail."

The visitation for Brent will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, followed by the funeral on Friday, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church, with a reception after the service. The Devolin family will also be hosting a celebration of life on Friday, Aug. 23 at the Minden Arena, from 3 until 10 p.m. "Brent said he always wanted a big party," laughed Laurie.

As a writer, you are often told to keep your personal thoughts to yourself. When you work for a newspaper, the place for an opinion is in the editorial section, and a news article is hardly the spot for personal anecdotes.

But in a small town, when a larger than life figure passes on, it rattles the community. In a small town, a death isn't just a statistic to round off a timeline, not just a date on a tombstone, and never just a standard story in the news.

A death is the end of an era. It's a reminder to call your friends, to hug your loved ones, to think back on the many times you saw that face at a local hockey game, at the grocery store, or in the newspaper. It's a humbling reality that serves as a sign that life is fleeting; here today, gone tomorrow.

I had the opportunity to work alongside Brent, both with the Township of Minden Hills and as a journalist, and I can say that during those stints as colleagues, it was evident that his heart beat for his town, his friends, and above all, his family.

And he will be missed, especially in this community.

Where everybody knew his name.

County has eyes on nurse practicioners

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from offering additional money to doctors. What she suggested the county do is shore up community support by way of "community care packages" involving more partners within the region.

"What Haliburton (County) already has in place is quite generous compared to the other communities," she said. "And I don't think adding an additional amount will make any difference."

She said the county should prorate the offered incentives for physicians who offer to practice less than fulltime hours over a two-year commitment.

"That would be if someone came in and offered to work part-time or three-quarter time, let's say," she said.

Another idea broached in June as a possible avenue to address the region's physician needs was to open the recruitment effort to nurse practitioners.

Danielsen said that nurse practitioners are taking on a much stronger healthcare role across the country.

Welch said there are federal and provincial incentive programs for nurse practitioners. Local officials discovered one community that offers its own additional incentive that's been successful in attracting two nurse practitioners.

Locally, the medical centre and the hospital are "in flux right now," Welch said. "Reevaluating their needs, waiting for funding to come into play for nurse practitioners."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services recently posted a temporary fulltime nurse practitioner position, she said. The clinic is also open to hiring more.

She suggested the county get behind promoting the federal and provincial incentive programs as a means to meet local need.

Councillor Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said that, based on conversations he's had with doctors who have arrived in recent months, monetary incentives aren't inhibiting healthcare professionals from coming to the area.

"That's not the issue," he said. "We already are higher than most of the other areas. That's, I think, the best we can do."

Carter said he's against the county creating its own program to recruit nurse practitioners until there's a clearer view of what needs to be done.

"I know that the (Kawartha North) Family Health Team has struggled with the whole working with the government, figuring out how nurse practitioners can be integrated into the practice," he said, and added that the province has been dragging its feet in that regard.

In Haliburton County, if a doctor enters into an agreement for three years, the total amount of funding allocation of $75,000 could be paid out in different amounts as opposed to the current structure of $25,000 per year.

With the change, the county could pay out $50,000 in Year One, no funding in Year Two and $25,000 in Year Three.

"I do like the fact that we have added more flexibility to what we're offering to physicians," Danielsen said. "I also believe it would be beneficial to us to implement a program and for us to direct (Welch) to come back with something more definitive for nurse practitioners."

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- **August 8 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **August 29 – Regular Council Meeting**

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Minden Top Dog slinging street meat for second season

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Cindy and Kris McAlister, proud new owners of the Minden Top Dog are esctatic to kick off their second summer season. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

There are some things in life that go perfectly together. Bacon and eggs, Batman and Robin, and hot dog vendors in front of Canadian Tires.

Cindy and Kris McAlister purchased Minden Top Dog last year. Located beside the Canadian Tire in Minden, Kris McAlister seized the opportunity to purchase the business after the previous owner sold due to a job opportunity.

"I'm almost at the end of my career," said Cindy McAlister. "After 25 years of teaching, I was ready to go. I had the opportunity to help Kris out."

"I taught before in Moosonee," said Cindy McAlister. "That's where I started my career." Cindy's husband, Kris McAlister, has been living in Haliburton County since he was 16 years old.

"He used to peddle beer out of his locker at the highschool," said McAlister with a laugh. "That's the guy I married."

Since purchasing the business, the McAlisters have not changed the menu.

"We pretty much kept it the same. We like to keep it simple. Next year, we might change it up a bit," said Cindy McAlister.

The purchase of the business included both shelters, equipment, and trade secrets from the previous owner. The McAlisters pay a fee to Canadian Tire for the use of their space.

Previously, Kris McAlister has worked a wide range of jobs in the culinary world, construction, and maintenance. Cindy McAlister taught for over 25 years. She left teaching at Haliburton Highlands High School to help her husband with Minden Top Dog.

'You can catch the flavour of the community," said Cindy McAlister.

After changing careers throughout his life, Kris is glad to have settled back into the culinary business, on his own terms.

"You could work with the best chefs, but where you have fun, that is where the money is," said Kris McAlister.

"It's fun, we can throw ideas around," said Cindy McAlister. With their location beside the Canadian Tire in Minden, Cindy and Kris both feel like they are getting to know people quickly, learning people's names, and the regular orders of their customers.

"You can really get the pulse of the community while working here," said Cindy McAlister.

Minden Top Dog does not have a website and has no online presence. Cindy's daughter has mentioned starting an Instagram account for the business.

The McAlister's next biggest plan for Minden Top Dog? They have their eyes on breakfast. Perhaps in the future, you can stop by the Minden Top Dog for coffee and some breakfast grub.

Minden Top Dog has a refined menu of food and drink. Despite the rising costs, Kris assures that they intend to keep their prices as low as possible. For eight dollars, you can get a hot dog and a drink, feed your family, and put a smile on your face.

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County enters new building funding agreement

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Haliburton County has a clearer idea of what it will have to work with former federal gas tax money.

Andrea Robinson, the county's corporate services director, brought figures for infrastructure money for Haliburton County over the next five years of a new 10-year agreement.

The last municipal funding agreement expired at the end of March. The new agreement covers a 10-year term to March 31, 2034.

There's a new requirement for lower tier municipalities with 30,000 residents or more as of the 2021 Census to conduct a housing needs assessment.

"The county does not qualify to have to meet that requirement," she said.

Haliburton County's allocated funding for this year is $646,754. The county will get $673,702 in 2025 and 2026, followed by $700,650 in 2027 and 2028.

As a measure to help communities fund the construction and restoration of priority infrastructure projects, the federal government introduced the Federal Gas Tax Fund in the 2005 federal budget. The program, renamed to Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) in 2021, was initially rolled out as an interim funding allocation to municipalities.

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Administration of the CCBF in Ontario is executed by agreement between the government of Canada, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, City of Toronto, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The AMO distributes funding to Ontario municipalities, except to Toronto, based on population. For municipalities that operate under two tiers, 50 per cent of the total funding for the region or county is allocated to the upper tier municipality. The other half is given to the lower tier municipalities based on population.

The per capita distribution is adjusted every five years when new census data is released.

AH park receives dedication

Members of Algonquin Highlands council and HKLB MP Jamie Schmale join Don Tapscott and Ana Lopes for the official dedication of Tapscott Lopes Park on Dorset's Main Street on Saturday, July 27. Previously known as the Dorset Pavilion and Community Park, the seasonal reidents gifted the property to the Township of Algonquin Highlands earlier this year. Mayor Liz Danielsen thanked the couple for their generosity, calling the donation one of the largest in Algonquin Highlands' history. An Indigenous garden will also be created at the park. /Submitted by Chad Ingram

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AH passes blame

SEVERAL RESIDENTS have contacted me about safety concerns they have with North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands. When you drive along the road, you can see that many houses have slow down signs in front of them. Clearly, local residents have identified an issue.

In a council meeting on July 18, Mayor Liz Danielsen stated that "This is a conversation that we have had several times now. We have had similar requests. The speed limits have been reduced. There are lots of slow down signs, there's an electronic sign that we put there periodically. I think council has previously determined that the willingness for the public traffic to travel slower is just not there. We have speed limits reduced there, we've had some success there. But to make it even slower on an emergency alternate route and a route that's a very busy route, that might be challenging," said Liz Danielsen.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Later, Adarm Thorn, public works manager says "I concur with council's decision last year in that what we need there is more enforcement. More OPP enforcement than actual signage or reduced speeds."

"Some of the roads that do see a 40 km/h road have been identified in that aspect not because of safety concerns, of near misses, or accidents, but the curvatures of the road. A lot of times the curvatures of the road will define the speed limit," said Thorn. " So some of our roads that are basically one gigantic corner for 2 kilometres, it's feasible to understand that we would reduce the speed on that road to a lower speed than say 50 km/h, just based on the amount of corners that are in the road."

"It's just a matter of getting more enforcement on the road by OPP," said Thorn.

On July 23, a motorcyclist had to be airlifted to a hospital in Toronto with life threatening injuries after a collision between 1252 and 1270 North Shore Road, in front of a clearly visible speed sign.

I have been shown photos of speed signs along that road that are covered by brush. Brush that was not scheduled by the township to clear and will likely not be addressed this year.

The parking lot for several camping trails is near the scene of the accident. Families, seniors, and people walking their dogs can be seen traveling to and from the parking lot along the road. During these summer months, another accident is bound to happen if something is not done to address the speed along North Shore Road. An increase in police presence is a band aid fix to a larger issue, especially with a shortage of new police recruits in Ontario. The blame is put on the curvaceousness of the road. A more permanent solution will require the rebuilding of the road, reducing the corner radii, a possible narrowing of the street, speed bumps, or a combination thereof.

The infrastructure of our roads in the county is outdated and often falling apart. We will only become concerned after there are fatal accidents. Currently, OPP is seeking any information or witnesses of the accident to come forward.

"No further discussion is required on this matter," said Thorn.

Martini Salad

Olympic events for the outdoors enthusiast

WATCHING THE opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games got me all fired up – mostly for croissants. But it also got me thinking that outdoorsy folks are under-represented in the games – which is a sad for both the outdoors community and the public. Because, lets face it, some outdoors events would be highly entertaining.

The two-handed fishing net throw is an excellent example of an event that I think should be considered by the Olympic Committee. In it, anglers from all over the world must compete to see who can catch a trophy fish, land it in a fishing net that has a big hole in the bottom and subsequently lose the fish because of that. Points will be awarded for creative cursing, the amplitude of foot stomping and distance the angler tosses the net.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

Not to brag, but one guy I fish with, would be a world-class contender.

Another event I would love to see– and also one I think we Canadians in cottage country would be competitive at – is the two-person bail and plug.

In this team event, two anglers launch a boat without the boat plug in it. Then after the fellow nearest the leak notices it, one angler frantically bails water, while the other tries to find the boat plug and reinsert it, before the boat sinks. I envision this being a timed event. And, exciting, since the boat plug is always in the vehicle.

Of course, hikers would also need to be represented in an event. So why not one called interpretive fly swatting? This would be similar to the elegant ribbon dancing gymnastic event, except the competitors would use their hats to swat flies and other biting insects. Footwork, grace, and accuracy would all be judged.

Another insect-based event that should be considered is the standing dock spider jump. Here, the contestants stand chatting to each other from adjacent docks, when huge dock spiders are released simultaneously over their bare feet. The winner is the competitor who jumps highest and furthest.

I would also strongly recommend, the 100-metre bear sprint. This event is sure to create 100-metre sprints that will shatter current records in the traditional event.

I would also enjoy synchronized fly casting, in which two fly casters, in the same small boat, would fish together while trying not to tangle lines. This would be made more difficult because one big fish would be rising between them.

The 50-metre thunderbox sprint would also be an event that our campers might excel at. The event would have the campers eat the same undercooked food on their last meal and then, when the starter pistol is fired, each of them races towards their campsite's thunderbox. The winner (in so many ways) is the sprinter that gets there first.

Then there is the two-person tent set up – an event where a two-person team tries to set up a tent that they've only set up once before, two summers ago.

Obviously, there are dozens of other possible events, that we Canadian outdoorsmen and women could and would excel at.

Heck, I think the spectators would love them too. I can just envision them on their feet, jumping up and down and waving their hands wildly in the air – but they would be much calmer if the dock spiders and biting insects didn't get loose.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Of choices, the Afterwards and finding one's way

WAYFINDING'S IMPORTANCE was brought to the fore during a recent Haliburton County council meeting. The context was explaining a strategy to help visitors find their way about the region, to highlight points of interest, to direct toward services necessary and experiential.

Such things come up in a life that brings thought to the necessary flailing that's done to find a way existentially. The choices that often give direction toward identity and purpose.

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff

From the *Times*' coverage: There's much more to wayfinding than mere signage. Successful wayfinding identifies confusion in an environment. That was how Stasia Stempski, the project team lead at Fergus-based pl.ural, described the strategy that's been undertaken at the upper tier level. It's a plan that would benefit the lower tier municipalities and, by extension, the county as a whole.

Wayfinding is a means of navigating one's way through built and natural environments. Finding one's way begins with the choices made and their results: Where one ends up in place and in mind.

"It's not just about sign design," Stempski said. "It's about understanding where one wants to go, how are they finding that information, what is the support of that information along the way, and how do they know they've actually arrived at the other end?"

She takes the rationale further: A successful wayfinding plan identifies sources of confusion and assesses issues. "And you end up with a happy traveller because they've reached where they want to go," Stempski said.

The trick of life is so often knowing where one wants to go, where you'd like the choices made to take you.

In that short piece of a longer presentation to county leaders, Stempski spoke volumes about navigating one's day on an existential level than most scholars, spiritual and philosophical, or drunks who pluck wisdom and answers from the amber haze, have despite their better intentions.

Hangovers evaporate the certainties of drunken epiphanies, and those are waypoints in a life. Just as the directions taken apparently by happenstance, the left turns, the opportunities refused, the ones created, the victories and disappointments that don't fade can be bearings revealed.

But only afterwards.

The Afterwards, if you're paying attention, will have it all spelled out as if hindsight is a means of wayfinding. Finding one's way through the hurly-burly. How they say you can't know where you're going until to weigh where you've been. When you see there's nonsense in what's deemed to be important. Financial good fortune is awarded place of priority over a simple day lived well.

Some of us even go from western Newfoundland to Alberta to Nunavut before Ontario as waypoints, legs of the chase. Little stressors pile up to a throat-lump of regret and a clot of frustration in one's stomach.

But then you're back in Newfoundland for a day, a week, eight days and there's clarity. Coming full circle can expose the folly that was awarded priority. But going in a circle has also been likened to chasing one's tail, how people describe futility. Or how craziness is doing the same thing over and over in hopes of a different outcome, a different destination each time.

Stempski said Haliburton County's wayfinding strategy will ultimately result in the reinforcement of sense of place, identity, and interconnectedness while improving entry, orientation, and identification within the county.

Perhaps those are the keys to a satisfying life many of us don't seek when the nonsense looms so large. For some of us, a sense of one's place and identity, and shared interconnectedness can be realized.

But maybe only Afterwards.

Minden Memories

View of the Gull River with canoe in the background and a house in the back. Photo taken by A.G. Woolsey Photography in Ottawa. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week

Washington, D.C., 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital, where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship.

Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears apart the house, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: Who is the true enemy in their midst?

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

It was designed that way

ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING
Humans and Technology

IF YOU'VE been using the internet for a while you may have noticed that social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, the microblogging platform formerly known as Twitter, among others, have become less useable. What started out with the promise of you follow someone > they post stuff > you see their stuff is now a jungle of intrusive ads and infinite algorithmic feeds. There's a joke on TikTok, for instance, that once you follow a content creator you never see their videos in your feed again.

There's a word for this degradation of useability in social media platforms – 'enshittification'. Coined by author and blogger Cory Doctorow in 2022 and declared 2023's Word of the Year by the American Dialect Society, 'enshittification' refers to the decrease in quality of a product that comes with a company's shift in focus from the user to their shareholders. Originally coined with respect to social media platforms in particular, the term 'enshittification' has been rapidly expanded to apply to a variety of technologies and services that have suffered in the face of extractive business practices.

'Enshittification' doesn't describe a new phenomenon, rather it elucidates a progression that arguably has been going on for at least a couple of decades. Doctorow outlines the following steps in the process of 'enshittification':

"…first, [platforms] are good to their users; then they abuse their users to make things better for their business customers; finally, they abuse those business customers to claw back all the value for themselves."

Much of 'enshittification' stems from early efforts to monetize the internet. Morten Rand-Hendriksen, instructor at LinkedIn Learning, describes in his video "How we lost the war for Web2 to capitalism" a change in the early 2000s that may very well have paved the way for 'enshittification'. When blogging stopped being a way to share information on the internet and instead became a way to generate advertising revenue, that also caused a shift from designing useful tools for the sharing of ideas to instead designing tools to make money regardless of usefulness.

To be clear, this isn't about designing better tools to make someone's job more efficient and therefore allowing them to make more money. And this also isn't about designing a really great product that many people find useful and want to buy into. Rather, this is about designing platforms that exploit their userbase to generate profits that are then diverted to shareholders.

In 2010 Metafilter user blue_beetle commented "If you are not paying for it, you're not the customer; you're the product being sold." This comment was directed at the news aggregator site, Digg, and has since been applied to platforms like Facebook. However, similar sentiments were being leveled at television in the 1970s, according to futurist Bryan Alexander. In a 1973 film titled "Television Delivers People" a caption reads "In commercial broadcasting the viewer pays for the privilege of having himself sold."

In his book *Ruined by Design* designer Mike Monteiro notes "making money is a requirement of starting and maintaining a business, but it's not a goal." For example, creating a business that makes hammers requires being able to sell those hammers to maintain that business and for the business owner and workers to make a living. Money is certainly a requirement. But the goal is to make hammers. 'Enshittification', according to futurist Andrew Curry, occurs when companies "become takers not makers." Or when business models become extractive. When money is not just the requirement but the entire point, design suffers.

Monteiro points to social media, such as Facebook, as an example of how the way a company makes its money (in this case serving users and their data to advertisers) can lead to ethically suspect design decisions. Design decisions such as allowing a proliferation of ads containing false information to enter users' feeds, or leveraging rage farming to increase engagement and therefore ad revenue, or for creating user interfaces that manipulate users. Rand-Hendriksen in his TikTok videos describes "dark UX", a set of design tactics that are meant to prevent users from easily disengaging with an app. All these design decisions are made in the service of making money for corporations, not providing users with a useful product.

How can we combat this problem? Monteiro calls for a designer code of ethics. Unlike disciplines such as medicine, the tech sector has been rudderless when it comes to industry ethics. A code of ethics could help centre the good of humanity in design decisions. As users, if we understand that our technology is working the way it is because, as Monteiro says, "it was designed that way" then we can think about that technology more critically and stop laying the blame for its 'enshittification' at our own feet.

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Strategy helps to find a way within County

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

There's much more to wayfinding than mere signage.

A successful wayfinding plan assesses and identifies sources of confusion in an environment. It's very much a process and is somewhat cyclical, said Stasia Stempski, the project team lead at pl.ural, a landscape architecture and design firm.

She updated county council July 24 on the progress to establish Haliburton County's wayfinding strategy.

Wayfinding is a means of navigating one's way through built and natural environments.

"It's about organizing various bits of information so that you're able to go from A to B," she said. "It's not just about sign design. It's a bit more about that overall system. Understanding where one wants to go, how are they finding that information, what is the support of that information along the way, and how do they know they've actually arrived at the other end?"

A successful plan identifies sources of confusion and assesses issues in the environment for a high quality communications solution.

"And you end up with a happy traveller because they've reached where they want to go," Stempski said.

The county's plan focuses on gateways and directional pieces that help travellers.

The effort began last fall and is comprised on three phases: Foundational research that included mapping of routes and soliciting stakeholder engagement; signage design and identifying their locations; and finally the implementation of the strategy.

The wayfinding strategy will ultimately result in the reinforcement of sense of place, identity, and interconnectedness while improving entry, orientation, and identification within Haliburton County.

Stempski said it's just as much for residents as it is for tourists to the area.

Pl.ural has provided the county with the framework for its wayfinding strategy based on a foundation that includes a thorough background and best practice review, an existing sign inventory and analysis, and stakeholder engagement results.

Priority has been assigned to significant tourism destinations and attractions, services and amenities in the four lower tier municipalities. Stempski suggested consideration be given to highlighting non-profit organizations that have destination appeal and any private businesses such as accommodation services.

"As we're working through a strategy, we might have some opportunities for new things," she said. "And new purposes for signs."

Highlighting and promoting tourism efforts throughout the county is the key piece of the strategy, she said.

"We're really trying to showcase Haliburton as a whole," she said. "So that is one of the overlying concepts for moving forward."

Stakeholders have identified the importance of highlighting such things as the last chance for motorists to get petrol, municipal boundaries, and boat launch locations.

"I don't know that I've come across a county with as many boat launches," Stempski said. "They are here, there, and everywhere, so that is going to be a little bit of a challenge."

She said branding is a main component to the wayfinding strategy. A style and consistency needs to be maintained across all signage to convey a unified identity.

"This isn't just the physical design," she said. "It also has to do with linking with other information sources such as (municipal and county) websites and printed materials and whatnot so that thread, the branding, is always part of the sales pitch."

There are also design standards and guidelines set by the Ministry of Transportation for signage that needs to be adhered to, she said.

Scott Ovell, the county's economic development and tourism director, said the wayfinding strategy would be funded by the new municipal services corporation from the county's portion of the accommodations tax generated from short-term rental operators.

"That organization would do a lot of the heavy lifting both from management of the contracts, implementation of the strategy, and ultimately the financial burden of implementing this program," he said. "It's a great use of those funds."

He said there's no expectation that the county or the lower tier municipalities will be hit up for money for wayfinding. There's not to be an additional burden on the tax levy.

"It would be solely funded through the accommodation tax," Ovell said. "This is really a three- to six- to seven-year program to implement."

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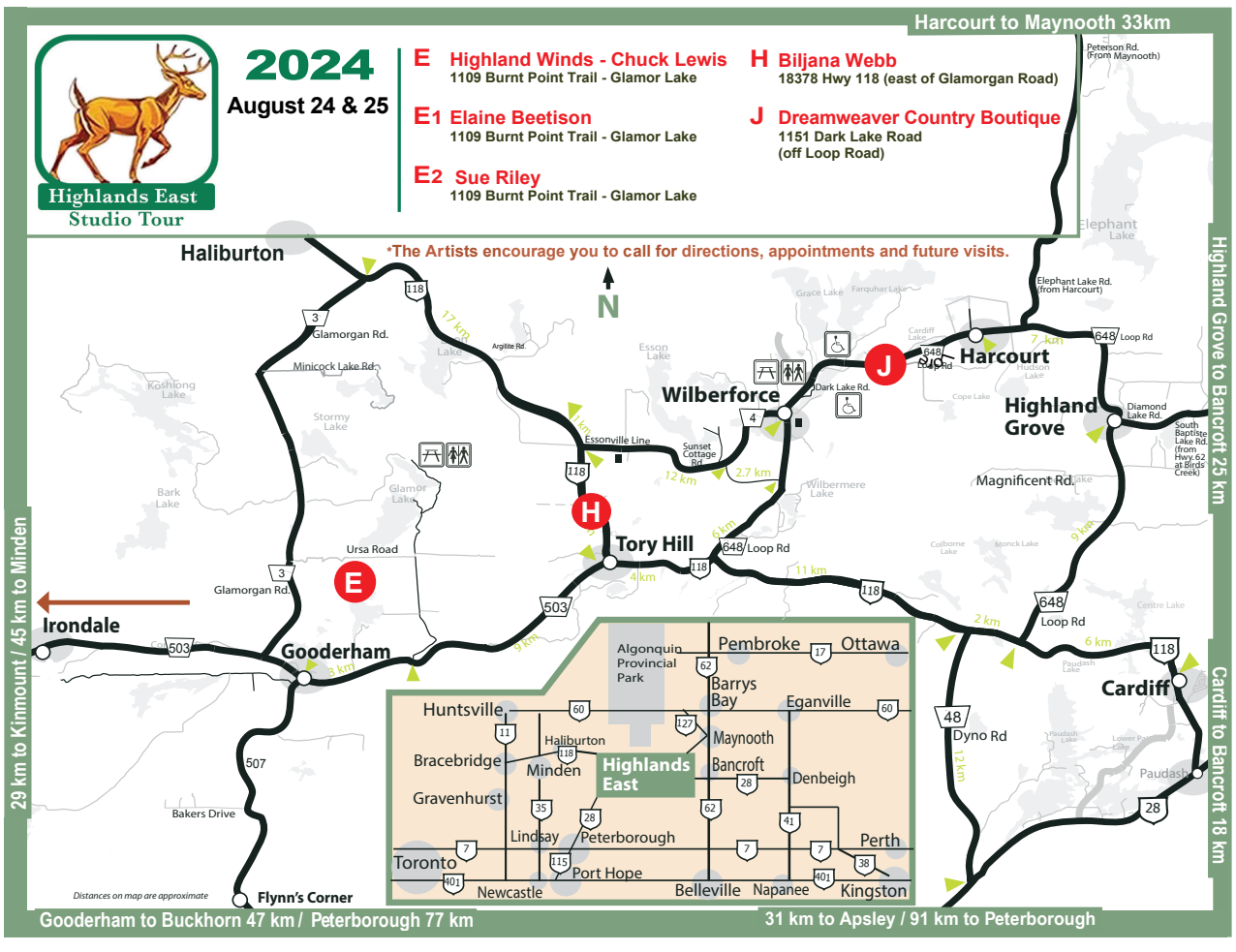

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Construction industry is in trouble: Dysart mayor

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Next year will be to flushing it out operationally before signs would go into the ground in 2026, he said.

"That would be subject to the MAT (municipal accommodation tax) funds being available to us," he said.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, said the bill for the wayfinding strategy is tallied at $688,000.

"Does anybody realize that we're in a recession?" he said. "Building permits in Barrie are down for housing at 40-something per cent. Dysart is down 60 per cent. You may look at your building permits and say, Oh boy the numbers are there. But the numbers are not there for million dollar cottages. They're there for decks and there for garages."

Fearrey said the construction industry is in trouble, and that's the industry that drives Haliburton County's economy.

"They're the ones that pay the wages and they're the ones that create the jobs," he said.

He's spoken to a number of contractors who say they're working on projects started last year. Further, Fearrey said those contractors say there are no new jobs on the horizon for this year.

"The county gets its money from the municipalities who get the growth," Fearrey said. "Whether we like it or not, some of these things are nice to do. But are they necessary?"

"We're not asking that county council dedicate any tax base supported money to this," said Gary Dyke, the county's CAO. "It's purely through the MAT tax for consideration of council as we go forward."

"We have a fulltime staff and a tourism information booth telling people where to go and where to travel," Fearrey said, and added that he doesn't think the strategy is a necessity.

"I don't like to spend money that I don't have yet," said Coun. Bob Carter, Minden Hills' mayor.

The MAT hasn't been collected yet and there's only speculation about how much money will go into local coffers from it.

"What are the other competing projects for those dollars and how much are those dollars going to be?" Carter said. "That's my concern about you pushing too far forward on this, is how all this is going to work because it's a lot of money."

"We have an opportunity to pre-plan for something," Dyke said. "It's going to sit there and when we are ready to move forward with it, we have design, we have agreement on location. The strategy is actually sitting there waiting to be used."

Hanging out

A young cub rests a leg while climbing up a tree. /Photo by Tammy Nash

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When: August 6, 6 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St.
Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the speaker will start at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker Carol Pasternak will be discussing 'Raising Monarch Butterflies'. Interested youth are welcome to attend the speaker portion of this meeting. The speaker will be followed by the monthly society meeting. "The Junior Members Program will meet at the Minden Community Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Junior Members program is for children in Grade 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

Toad House Building Workshop

When: Saturday August 10, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens- across from the horse paddock
In support of our amphibian populations, we are offering a unique and fun workshop building toad houses out of clay. Great for adults and youth, participants will be guided through the hand-building process to create a toad house of their own design. The finished pieces will be fired and can be collected in the weeks following the workshop. Join local artist Mary Anne Barkhouse at an inspiring location at Abbey Gardens- no experience necessary. Minimum age 12- must be accompanied by an adult. Admission by donation. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Contact 705-457-3700

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When: Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16
Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design, 297 College Dr.
The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is excited to announce that Indigenous artist, Jared Tait will be leading, as our artist in residence, a community engagement art event. Community members are invited to participate in this free, drop in event, where they will learn about the woodland style of painting and create a number of 3-dimensional woodland style figures which will be placed in the Sculpture Forest. The finished work will be unveiled on Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. For more information visit: www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca or email: outreach@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

Land Trust Discovery Days Rock Walk II

When: Saturday Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Barnum Creek Reserve
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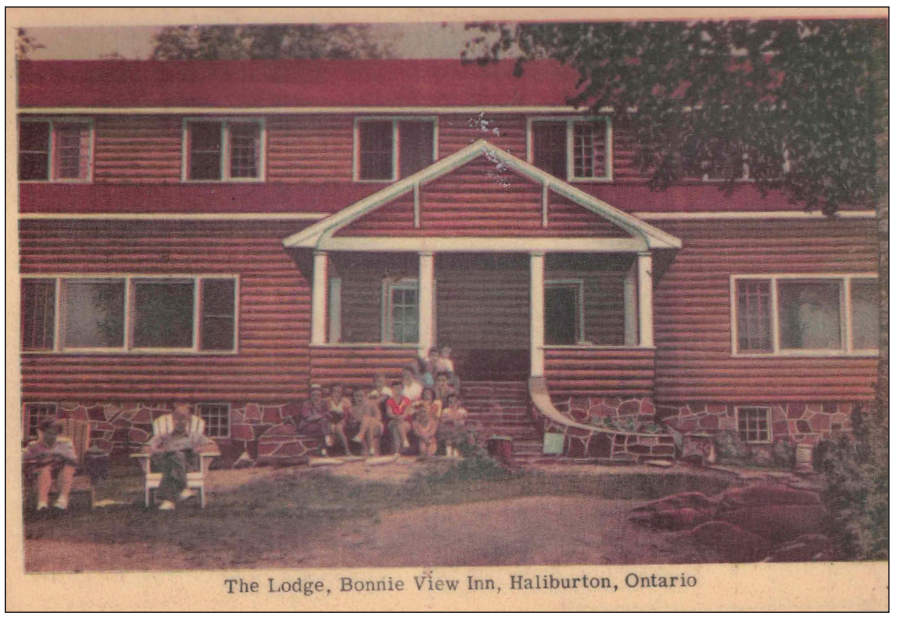

A look at the lodge after it was constructed in the 1960s. /Submitted

Bonnie View's dockside hotel was later converted into a patio.

A century of memories made at Bonnie View Inn

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

For a century now, the Bonnie View Inn has been a staple business in Haliburton County, welcoming generations of families to stay at the iconic lodge on the shores of Kashagawigamog Lake.

It was founded in 1924.

Back then, it consisted of one small cottage with a stone foundation, and is now the lobby today.

In 1945, the main inn and 14 additional cabins were ready for use.

The basement was used as a speakeasy during prohibition in the 1950s, and if you catch a peak in the basement today, the Scottish paintings are still on the walls.

Eventually, the suite building was built along with a dockside patio.

Andrea Hagarty began working at BV in 1991 at age 19 as a waitress.

"It was just a summer job at the time, but then the managers quit, and the owner asked me to run it for a while. I went out exploring for a few years and ended up managing it in 1995 until buying it in 2005 with my ex-husband, Monty Miscio," Hagarty said.

Miscio was the chef at the time, Hagarty continued to manage it, and their now-adult two kids spent most of their childhood there.

In 2015, Hagarty bought the inn herself.

Since her teenage years, she said she's always had plenty of energy and the ability to multitask, traits that served her well for owning and managing a large operation.

She stands as the longest owner in all its history.

"It really was the hardest thing ever. Looking back, I'm not sure how I managed all aspects."

Ryan Yates, his family, and the Brandt family bought the Bonnie View Inn from Hagarty in 2020, with Hagarty staying on for the past four years to help with the transition.

"There is no chance we would've survived without Andrea sticking around and also an extended family that has put time and energy into it," Yates said.

It was a long process for Hagarty to find the perfect family to take over the beloved Inn.

But as soon as Yates walked in the door, she knew it was a perfect fit.

"I didn't know anything about Bonnie View when I came in. All I knew was that it would be a busy lifestyle based on what Andrea told me, and she sure was right," Yates laughed.

The transition happened less than a month before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, so the team worked together to pull through those years of uncertainty.

> "There is no chance we would've survived without Andrea sticking around.
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> — RYAN YATES, OWNER OF BONNIE VIEW INN

"The combination of the two of us has made sure that it's still here," Yates said. "I feel so lucky to be part of it."

Yates, his wife, and four kids lived in Haiti from 2010 to 2019 before moving to Oakville.

He began looking for a project near the ended of 2019, and Andrea's listing of the BV caught his eye.

"I used to cottage on Little Boshkung Lake and ran the Wedgewood Marina snack bar as a kid. I loved the area, and based on all the feedback I read about the Bonnie View, I knew it was something worth looking at," Yates said.

Hagarty opened up a couple of rooms for the family to stay in and get the full experience, and after a few nights, they were sold.

"It's definitely been an awesome experience for the kids to be here. We all love it so much."

The Bonnie View offers accommodations, dining, and a space for weddings and events.

Bookings for 2025 are open. Visit www.bonnieviewinn.com for more information.

On Sunday, Sept. 1 from 12 to 6 p.m., the community is welcome at the Bonnie View for a 100th birthday party.

The Ya Babys will play some tunes, old photos and artifacts will be on display inside, there will be a photo booth, special 100th anniversary merchandise, and it will be the last day for their lakeside patio for the season.

"Come out and celebrate the place we love most, learn about its history, and connect with old friends," Hagarty said.

Andrea Hagarty is pictured with the late Daisy Duke, the beloved Bonnie View pig from 2012 to 2021. /Submitted

Some of the cabins that are still there today.

Green burial site comes to St. Stephens

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS), Algonquin Highlands and Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art and Design have teamed up to bring a green burial gazebo to St Stephens Cemetery in Algonquin Highlands. The course, with around 16 students, is instructed by Glenn Diezel of Diezel Woodworks.

"This is getting exciting because it has been such a long-time idea, and now it is becoming a reality, so it is an exciting week for us," said Terry Moore, president of the HHGBS.

Salt Spring Island was the first entirely green burial cemetery to open in Canada. Willow's Rest, a green burial cemetery in Niagara Falls was also looked to for inspiration.

The structure is a 12' by 12' gazebo that will act as a welcoming space. It is intended to provide a space of contemplation on your loved ones lives, educational information regarding green burials, and to shelter visitors from rain and sun during interments and other events.

With green burials, there are no additives to your body during the embalming process, you are directly buried into the ground. Typically, your body is placed in a biodegradable coffin shaped basket or an unfinished wood coffin.

"Cremation sends pollution into the atmosphere," said Moore. "It takes the human body and treats it as something that needs to be disposed of."

Cremation has become the standard burial process in Haliburton County. Typically, around 70 to 80 per cent of bodies are cremated, said Moore. The ashes that remain after cremation are toxic to plants. With all the metals and salts in your body, it essentially becomes highly acidic and salty bone meal.

"Over 360,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide are put into the air annually," said Moore in a presentation by the HHGBS at the Dysart Library on Nov. 23 of last year.

Another method of burial that is making rounds is aquamation. Aquamation is a process in which a body is dissolved in water, lye, and heat.

"What happens is all the nutrients are flushed down the drain," said Moore. "Down the drain, into the water system."

A week ago, the footings got put in. There were a number of people walking, biking, and driving by who stopped to see what was happening. It was amazing," said Moore. At the Home and Cottage show this year, the HHGBS showed sketches of their structure and received highly positive feedback. Moore has also reached out to churches in the area and has only received positive feedback, with the desire to reach out to more congregations in the future.

Plots are sold by the township for the green burial area in St. Stephens Cemetery. Graves are not marked and there are strict guidelines for bodies to be buried as green burials. The Green Burial Society of Canada has key tenets that include that the body is not embalmed, the body is placed in a natural, biodegradable basket or shroud, the casket must be placed without a concrete liner or vault,a simple memorialization, and that the site is left in a natural indigenous state. Just like the methods of green burials, the gazebo will have very little metal that goes into the construction and it will be held together with wooden pegs.

Moore described green burials as an opportunity for people to return to nature. It is encouraged to consider green burials as a process of rebirth, continuing the inescapable life cycle we all face. Green burials also provide the opportunity for rehabilitation of land lost to human use. Currently the township has not decided whether they will plant native plant species throughout the green burial area, or if they will stop cutting the grasses and allow nature to reclaim the area.

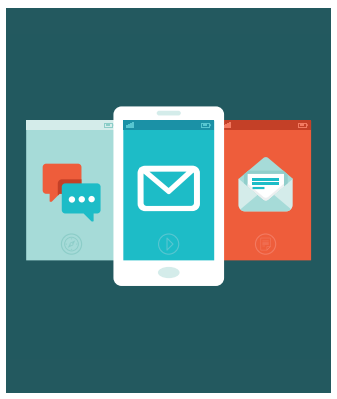
"What we have got has been enthusiasm," said Moore. "There has not been a whiff of push back."

As green burials become practiced more often and become mainstream, it will likely become more practical and become a cheaper option. So far, the HHGBS, a nonprofit offshoot of the NGO Environment Haliburton, has only had success in advocating for sections of cemeteries to be dedicated to green burials in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East. A green burial section will be hopefully opening at Deer Lake Cemetery later this year. So far, the group has not had luck in either Minden Hills or Dysart.

"It is a conversation starter, but not a conversation ender," said Moore. Several of the students that are taking the course have already taken information on green burials home to their loved ones and have become connected to the project, said Moore.

The initial assembly of the structure for green burials at St. Stephens cemetery took place on Saturday July 27. Some delays involving construction required final assembly to be completed on Monday, July 29.

For more information on green burials in Haliburton County, visit the HHGBS website at http://www.haliburtongreenburial.ca/. Terry Moore is also involved with Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN!) which can be found at https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/.



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They've been framed!

Students from the Timber Framing course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design had the opportunity to learn new skills and build a gazebo to be put up at St. Stephens Cemetery in Algonquin Highlands at a later date. /TIM YANO Speical to the *Times*

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Community welcomes rec centre re-opening

Members of Algonquin Highlands council, along with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, cut the ribbon to officially re-open the Dorset Recreation Centre during a community celebration on Saturday, July 27. Residents got to tour the refurbished facility in an event that also included live music, a catered lunch, children's entertainment and the official dedication of Tapscott-Lopes Park on Main Street. /Submitted by Chad Ingram

Right, ten-piece, Haliburton Highllands-based soul band Adverse Conditions provide lively tunes for the celebratory occasion of the re-opening of the Dorset Recreation Centre.

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Answers on page 15

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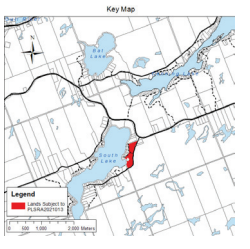
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2021013: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front 1130 Hamilton Road located within Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon



The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than August 30, 2024.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

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Time to have ‘the talk’

The Birds and the Bees runs until Aug. 2 as part of the Highlands Summer Festival. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tickets.highlandsummerfestival.ca. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Shields
Lot 27, Concession 6, Maple Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 6, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 6, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 6, geographic township of Stanhope, described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10981

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of August, 2024** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 31, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Litt
Lots 15 & 16, Concession 1, 1021 East Road
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original road allowance between lots 15 & 16, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original road allowance between Lots 15 & 16, Concession 1, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Road Allowance between Lots 15 & 16, Concession 1, geographic township of Stanhope, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R10978

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of August, 2024** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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Getting corny
As the sun sets, the corn softly goes to sleep. /Photo by Guenter Horst

Children's author Aimee Reid celebrates new releases

Three new picture books featuring baby animals and their parents will be featured at upcoming Haliburton signings by children's author Aimee Reid.

Baby Animals Trying: A Celebration of First Moments (Sourcebooks), which releases on Aug 1., will be launched from Master's Book Store on Tuesday, August 6 from 10a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will include giveaways of temporary tattoos, animal-print balloons, and colouring pages. Reid will be autographing books, and visitors can enter a draw for a chance to win one of five copies of her first picture book, Mama's Day with Little Gray, or one of two $50 gift certificates to Master's Book Store. Paper entries may be picked up at Master's Book Store or people can go to https://bit.ly/HaliburtonLaunch2024 to enter online. (One entry per person. Contest closes at 4 p.m. on Aug. 6.)

Families are also encouraged to join Aimee Reid at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Friday, Aug. 16 for story time. Children can receive animal-themed temporary tattoos, do crafts, and enjoy a reading that includes puppets, action rhymes, and music.

Reid has often drawn inspiration from family vacation times in the Haliburton region. "I saw my toddler son snuggling on my husband's chest after a day of playing by the lake and said, 'That looks cozy – belly to belly.'" That phrase became the opening line of the book Animal Snuggles: Affection in the Animal Kingdom (Sourcebooks), which was published in November of 2023. It features animal parents cuddling, carrying, nuzzling, hugging ... showing physical affection to their young.

Baby Animals Trying, a follow-up to Animal Snuggles, depicts sweet baby animals as they bravely attempt their first steps, swims, dives, climbs, and other significant milestones.

Reid also released *A World of Love* (Penguin Random House) in January of this year. This book highlights the unique ways that animal parents around the world care for their little ones. For example, Emperor penguin fathers protect their eggs until they hatch, mountain goats guard their young from falls, and dolphins create special calls to stay connected.

Critics have praised the books and complimented the illustrations by Sebastien Braun (Animal Snuggles and Baby Animals Trying) and Chris Lyles (A World of Love). Kirkus Reviews calls A World of Love "tailor-made for a nap-time cuddle" and writes that Animal Snuggles represents "love in its most natural state."

All three books close with spreads depicting loving human families. For Reid, that close connection is what she aims to nurture through her stories. A key motivation for her writing is to provide books that help adults express affirmation to the children in their care.

Her biography of Mister Rogers, called You Are My Friend, was also launched in Haliburton in 2019. It highlights the transformative impact of his grandfather's words on young Fred's life. Welcome Home and First Morning Sun, both published in 2022 from Simon & Schuster, show families, friends, and neighbours welcoming newborns and celebrating their growth.

Reid credits the Haliburton region for nurturing her creativity. "Such gorgeous, tranquil landscapes and warm people. I never fail to be inspired."

Submitted

Dance Returns to the parks and streets

During the week of Aug. 5 to10 dance performances will be popping up in parks and on the streets of Haliburton and Minden.

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) is presenting "'Note the Weather" a contemporary dance for outdoor public space featuring five dancers and a harpist. Vignettes of this work will be featured at on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of Haliburton Rotary Summerfest in Head Lake Park in Haliburton near the Welcome Centre, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in front of the Red Doors at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and on Friday, Aug. 9, 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of the barn in the Haliburton Village square on Highland Street.

A full production of "Note the Weather" will be performed at the Village Green in downtown Minden on Saturday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Note the Weather" is choreographed by Mairéad Filgate, who is well known in Haliburton for her performances co-created with the Throwdown Collective in Dusk Dances Haliburton and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. She has put together a dance troupe from various places across Canada to perform this work.

In this work, the dancers, accompanied by a harpist and vocalist Shannon Kingsbury, zoom in on intimate details of the everyday. Simple images develop to reveal personal relationships to self, others, and the surrounding environment, highlighting the architecture of space and bodies.

Performers and audience members will be invited to slow down, tune into, and respond to what is happening around us.

Weather permitting the performers will be practicing in the various outdoor locations in the days prior to their performances. The public is welcome to watch the work in progress.

Attendance at the performances is free, donations on site are welcome.

These performances are made possible through the support of the Ontario Arts Council and the Government of Canada and our site sponsors, Rotary Club of Haliburton, Fleming College - Haliburton School of the Arts, Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and the Township of Minden Hills

DH3 is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

For more details visit www.dancehappenshere.com

Submitted

OPP remind visitors and locals about motorcycle safety

With the nice weather and fun activities in Haliburton this summer, the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind motorcyclists and motorists about safety tips to prevent motorcycle-related fatalities and injuries on our roads and highways.

For Motorcyclists:

• Dress to be seen and protected. Wear approved helmets, gloves, and jackets, and consider wearing bright colours that are easily seen by other motorists.

• Slow down. Respecting the posted speed limit and adjusting your speed in response to changing weather conditions will allow you time to respond safely.

• Drive defensively. Consider that other motorists may not see you and try making eye contact with vehicles that might pull out in front of you.

• Take it to the track. The street is no place to test the limits of your sport bike. Take a lesson at a local racetrack or sign up for a track day.

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For Motorists:

• Look twice at intersections and when changing lanes. Motorcycles are small and easy to lose in a blind spot. It is also easy to misjudge the speed of an approaching motorcycle.

• Back off. Having a rear end collision with a car is one thing, but having one with a motorcycle could have fatal consequences.

• Give them room. Leave yourself time to react when motorcycles are around. If a rider were to fall off, could you avoid the downed rider?

• Give them space to swerve safely. Motorcyclists often need to be active in their own lane to avoid obstacles such as potholes or roadkill. Hitting any of these could cause an issue for the rider.

The OPP is dedicated to road and pedestrian safety, especially with the increase of tourists enjoying the Haliburton area during the nice weather. The Haliburton Highlands Detachment reminds the public - residents and visitors alike - to be cautious of the increase in traffic and pedestrians by obeying speed limits, being patient, and sharing the roads. Let's work together and prioritize safety to ensure a memorable summer for everyone.

Submitted

OPP to host uniform recruitment symposium for women

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is hosting a recruitment event to further support women on their journey to becoming police officers. OPP's Women's Symposium is being held on Aug. 17, 2024, at OPP General Headquarters (GHQ) in Orillia.

The OPP hosts interactive recruitment events periodically and throughout the province to support individuals who are interested in becoming police officers. OPP Women's Symposium will focus on eliminating and demystifying some of the perceived barriers that women (including those who are cis, trans, assigned female at birth and non-binary) may face when considering a career in policing.

After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback and requests for additional events following OPP Bound, Women's Edition, the OPP Women's Symposium will provide participants with the opportunity to hear from and interact with women in various ranks within the OPP. The event concludes with a shuttle run and will allow participants to prequalify their fitness level for their application.

Date: Saturday, Aug. 17
Location: OPP General Headquarters
777 Memorial Ave
Orillia, ON

Anyone interested in attending must pre-register. Attendees must adhere to the cancellation policy, dress code and instructions on the registration page. Parking will be available onsite.

For a full list of upcoming recruitment events, visit opp.ca/events.

The OPP is dedicated to ensuring open, accessible, equitable and respectful workplaces, and is committed to reflecting the diverse communities it serves.

Submitted

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Steele
Lot 12, Concession 5, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 5, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 5, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R10979

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of August, 2024** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 31, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Davies and Luther Holding Inc.
Lot 17, Concession 3, Beech Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 17, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 17, Concession 3, geographic township of Stanhope, described as Parts 1 & 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R10982

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of August, 2024** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Berrey
Lot 5, Concession 2, Kushog Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 5, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 5, Concession 2, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

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It was Henrie's wish for cremation.

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Patients will have four legs instead of two

Board accepts bid for old hospital

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board has accepted the bid submitted by Dr. Peter Bennett for the purchase of the old Minden Hospital.

The bid was one of two received in response to a call for tenders issued earlier this year.

Dr. Bennett, a veterinarian who has served the community for more than 22 years, plans to relocate his practice to the location. "It would be my intention to use the Minden Hospital as the Minden Animal Hospital," he said. He currently operates the Minden Animal Clinic in a facility attached to his home on Bobcaygeon Road, just north of the village.

According to the letter accompanying the bid, Dr. Bennett said he would be interested in maintaining the present "look" of the building, suggesting that the hospital was a landmark in the community.

Dr. Bennett's bid of $115,000 was accepted by the HHHS board at its July 26 meeting. The second bid was received from John Pentney, owner of Home Hardware and Building Supplies, across the road from the former hospital site. His bid was $90,000.

Chairman of the board, Jack Brezina, pointed out that the funds from the sale of the building have been earmarked for the completion of the helipad at the site of the new Minden Hospital.

Sale of the hospital is contingent on approval by the Ministry of Health, considered a formality. Before the land can be transferred, the new helipad must be operational. At the moment, medical evacuation helicopters are using the landing pad at the old hospital.

Work was slated to start last week on the completion of the new helipad.

Records untouched as runners battle the heat in Heineken Yard

Despite temperatures that reached into the low 30s, over 300 racers took part in the annual Heineken Yard footrace Friday in Minden. Starting from Tennyson Road, the participants ran into Minden along Deep Bay Road. The course then looped north on Main Street to Parkside Avenue, past the arena and back to Main Street by North Water Street. The finish line, as usual, was in front of the CIBC bank.

The course records were untouched as Trevor Calwell of Mississauga crossed the line first with a time of 23:27. The best time for male runners is 21:21, held by Brendan Mathias.

The top female runner was Nancy Tinari who finished the 7.4 km course in 26:00 minutes, almost a minute

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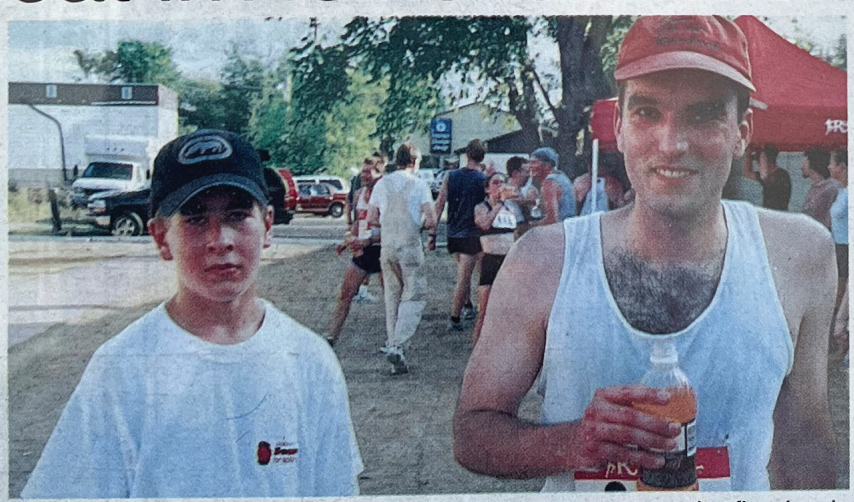

FAST: Sean Keaney and Markus Carl of Haliburton were the first local runners to cross the finish line in this year's Heineken Yard.

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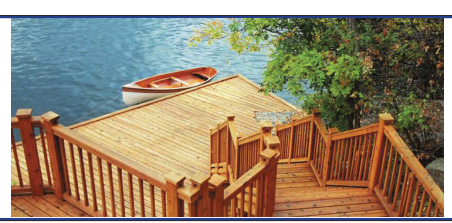

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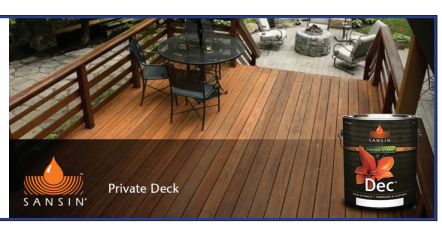

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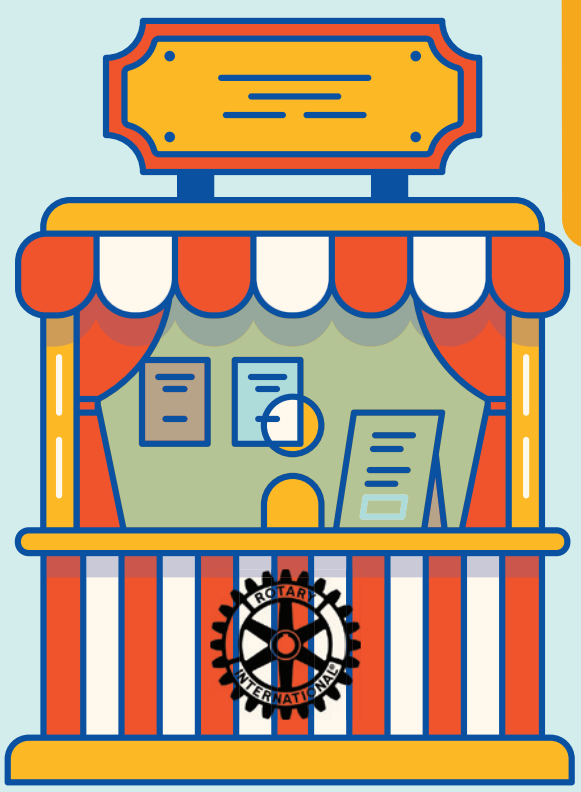

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